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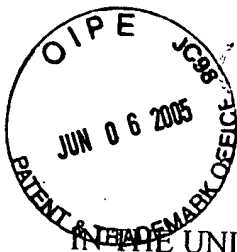
Acknowledgment has not been received of receipt of the claim of priority submitted in parent application Serial No. 09/556,433 filed April 24, 2000. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and date-stamped postcard receipt as evidence of its submission. Accordingly, such acknowledgment is kindly requested.

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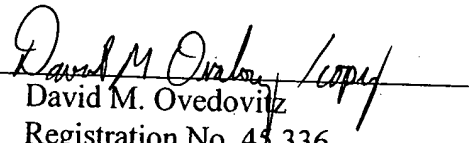
Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claim the dates of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 255868/1999, filed September 9, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 318147/1999, filed November 9, 1999, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Rule 53(b) divisional of USSN 09/556,433, filed April 24, 2000)
2. Patent Office Fee Transmittal Form [in duplicate]
3. Specification comprising 51 pages (including claims 1-19 and abstract)
4. 20 sheets of drawings (A4P, Figs. 1-22)
5. Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application
6. Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, partial European Search Report and 6 references
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